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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/658,530	Applicant(s) RAZA ET AL.

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 March 0204.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-10 and 18-27 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-7 and 18-24 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 8-10 and 25-27 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date Jan 29/2001.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-7 and 18-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dantu (U.S. Patent No. 6,532,088).

Regarding claims 1 and 18, Dantu discloses a network architecture and method (FIG.

1)comprising:

a transport layer (ADM 104) including an optical network (108);

at least one node (100) having a large packet switch (router) to aggregate a plurality of services from the access layer (an interface in the node 100 is shown, but the interface is inherently required to receive data 124) and perform packet level grooming; and

wherein restoration is performed by the optical network (col. 7, lines 20-37).

Regarding claims 2 and 19, Dantu further discloses that the optical network is an optical ring (FIG. 1) including at least one optical switch (FIG. 4).

Regarding claims 3 and 20, Dantu further discloses that the restoration is performed at a layer-0 of the optical ring network (col. 7, lines 20-37).

Regarding claims 4 and 21, Dantu further discloses that the optical network is a bi-directional line switching ring utilizing a SONET (col. 6, lines 9-40).

Regarding claims 5 and 22, Dantu further discloses that the restoration is performed by a layer-1 (SONET layer). See col. 6, lines 9-40 and col. 7, lines 20-37.

Regarding claims 6 and 23, Dantu further teaches that the access layer includes a Internet protocol (IP) service (FIG. 1).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dantu (U.S. Patent No. 6,532,088).

Refer to the discussion for the claims 1 and 18, but Dantu does not explicitly teach that the access layer includes a leased line service. It will be apparent to those of skill in the art that a Internet Service Provider (ISP) has a leased line and connect it to a high speed optical network such as SONET.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to connect a leased line of a service provider to the fiber optic network of Dantu for higher throughput.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 8-10 and 25-27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Soon-Dong Hyun whose telephone number is (703) 305-4550. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau Nguyen, can be reached on (703) 308-5340.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

7. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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